Dialogue with ABSU

869. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate dialogue with the Assam Bodo Students Union who are agitating for the setting up of a a Bodoland within the framework of the Constitution; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) This is primarily a matter concerning the State Government.

The State Government of Assam has held discussions with the Bodo Leadership and the representatives of the Assam Bodo Students Union with regard to the genuine demands of the tribal people and is hopeful of solving their problems.

Export of Textile Products

870. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state the total value of textile products of all kinds exported by the country and the total value of synthetic yarn and of raw material and plant and equipment for manufacturing such yarn imported by the country year-wise from 1980 to 1988 so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): A Statement-I showing export of cotton textiles and readymade garments is attached. (*See* below)

A Statement-II showing import of synthetic and regenerated fibres suitable for spinning and machineries for extruding man-made textiles is attached. (*See* below)

Statement-I

EXPORT OF TEXTILES

(*Cotton Textile and Readymade Garments*)

(value in Rs. Crores)

Year	Value
1980	850
1981	1057
1982	1066
1983	1063
1984	1456
1985	1716
1986	1979
1987	3018
1988 Jan.—Sept.)	2625. (P)

P: Provisional.

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta.

Cotton Textile Export Promotion Council, Bombay.

Apparel Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.